

isting in the relations between railroad corporations engaged in interstate commerce and their employees in the states of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas.—Tuesday nothing of special interest was done.—Wednesday the Ohio Hurd-Homels contested election case was debated. The latter was decided to be entitled to the seat.

Notes.—Mr. Ingalls has introduced in the Senate a bill to regulate the ownership of land. It provides that no person or corporation shall own more than 640 acres, and that no alien or foreigner shall hold any at all, and land held after three years contrary to this shall be forfeited to the government.—The House committee on the judiciary have instructed Representative Gates to report favorably his bill to repeal those sections of the revised statutes prohibiting the payment of pension or allowance of claims of any person who was not loyal to the United States during the late war.—The Senate committee on post offices and post roads ordered an adverse report on the bill of Senator Wilson of Iowa doubling the postage on fourth-class matter.—Senator Plumb has introduced a bill to incorporate the United States and Congo immigration steamship company to run a line of steam vessels from the port of Baltimore and intermediate points of the United States to the free states of Congo and intermediate ports of Africa for the purpose of emigration and commerce.—While no specific date has been agreed upon by the ways and means committee for calling up the tariff bill in the House, it was the opinion of a majority of that committee at Tuesday's meeting that the bill should be taken up in the early part of May, when it is hoped that nearly all of the appropriation bills will have passed the House.

DOMESTIC.
Gov. Robinson has appointed Saturday, April 24, as Arbor day in Massachusetts.
Major Gen. John M. Schofield on Tuesday assumed command of the division of the Atlantic.
Investigation by divers proves conclusively that the "Oregon" was sunk by a collision. Her cargo, or nearly all of it, will be saved.
At Horton Gillies' butter factory, near Harvard, Ill., a cream separator burst Monday, killing William Johnson and wounding three others named Alton, Burnam and Blake, Alton's injuries being fatal.

Secretary Manning is reported to be progressing favorably toward complete recovery, and it is believed that he will be able to resume the general direction of the treasury department before the hot weather begins.
As far as learned the terrible railroad disaster at Bradford's Ferry, near Deerfield, Mass., resulted in the death of 10 and serious injury of thirty persons. As the road is owned and run by the State, it is probable that the costs will have to be paid by it and not the Fitchburg railroad company.

The Minneapolis Tribune says of the heat crop for 1886 that the prospects for an average yield of winter wheat are dim, owing to the decreasing acreage and the face of a steadily increasing home consumption means that the total American wheat crop of 1886 is more likely to be insufficient than excessive.
The following has been sent to Mr. Hadstone from New York: The woman utrage party of New York admire and applaud your glorious stand for justice, freedom and peace in Ireland. Soon or late you will succeed. Be sure at the earliest moment to secure these blessings of liberty and self-government also to the women of three kingdoms.

A labor demonstration was made at Chicago Saturday night in favor of the eight-hour movement and was attended by 15,000 persons. Though the strikes are not dwelt upon by the speakers, a resolution was passed and wild enthusiasm denouncing Jay Gould for breaking his agreement with the Knights of Labor to settle the difficulties on his road by arbitration.

Laura Phillips, pretty and well educated, who left a comfortable home at Villisca, Ia., three years ago and went to the id committed suicide the other day at Omaha, Neb., in a sensational manner. She took blood from her own veins and wrote with it the following note, which was found on her pillow: "I, Laura Phillips, hereby sell my soul to the devil, consideration for which he agrees to give me wealth, beauty, and the power to overcome all my enemies." She had been a heavy dose of morphine.

The Rhode Island State election resulted in the election for a second term of George Peabody Wetmore for governor and the return of the other regular Republican nominees with the exception of J. Samuel P. Colt of Bristol for attorney-general. Col. Edwin Metcalf of Providence, the regular nominee of the prohibition party and the Democrats, for attorney-generalship, was elected to office. The constitutional amendment to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage was adopted.

St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids, Minn., were swept by a terribly destructive storm Wednesday afternoon. At St. Cloud the storm struck the railroad between the round house and freight depot and swept a path 600 yards wide through the city, leveling between 150 and 200 houses. It is reported that 90 persons were killed in that city and more than 100 injured, many very seriously. Superintendent Wakeman of the Manitoba road says that between 30 and 40 persons were killed at Sauk Rapids, a few miles northeast of St. Cloud, and nearly double that number injured.

The full of expectancy in the Broadway (New York) bribery disturbance has been broken at last by the arrest of James A. Richmond, president of the roadway surface railway company, and ex-Alderman W. H. Miller, and by statement of District Attorney Macdonald that 22 adherents of the board of directors were implicated and that as many as 100 were under surveillance as beggars. More arrests are expected daily. Miller, a Republican member of the board, was captured Thursday at Palatka, Fla., where he has been living for his health since the agitation can.

In connection with the arrest at Cincinnati of 20 Italian banana-peddlers, suspected of counterfeiting, a United States service officer tells a startling story of the armament with which they were armed. He says the armaments of the men were regular arsenals. In one case where many of them lodged were under mattresses, knives from one to two feet long, besides dirks, daggers, loaded navy revolvers, as well as a large supply of cartridges. More than a big knife and daggers were found under one mattress were secreted 45-calibre six-shooters. It is

thought there would have been a bloody fight had not strategy and overwhelming force been used in making the arrest.

FOREIGN.
The New Zealand coasting steamer Tairaroa has been wrecked between Wellington and Christchurch, N. Z. A heavy gale prevailed at the time and the sea was very rough. Three boats were launched, but each was speedily capsized. Twenty-nine persons were drowned. Only two passengers were saved.
J. L. McCaskill, the United States consul at Dublin, has recommended that the vessels of the Transatlantic steamship lines call at that port. He draws attention to the steadily increasing value of the Irish exports to America, and cites the fact that during the three months ended March 31 the shipments through the port of Dublin to the United States were doubled as compared with the exports during the same period last year.

EARLY SETTLEMENTS IN MIDDLEBURY NEAR THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN.
[By Ezra Brainerd.]

NO. III.
HOME LOT 18.—In 1795 Brainerd Hooker purchased that part of the lot that lies east of the highway and 15 acres of a lot lying east of it, "pitched for Widow Coon" as we are told in the old Proprietors' Records. He purchased also in 1805 an adjoining strip of home lot 17, 16 rods in width on the road. The old Hooker house is part of it, still standing, though no longer used as a dwelling; it is the first house south of the brook on the east side of the highway. Brainerd Hooker died in 1808, aged 62; his son Charles occupied the farm until 1844, when he went West.

It is a fact worthy of note that nearly all the sons or grandsons of the first settlers have emigrated to other parts of the country. Of the twelve or more settlers already mentioned in this article, not one has left in this region a descendant bearing his name. This we attribute not to any lack of offspring, nor to any want of home attachment, nor to the hardships or poverty of the first settlers. On the contrary, they had most of them come here poor and had secured from the forest fertile and valuable farms and comfortable dwellings. The sons when they came of age were disposed to do as their fathers had done—push on to where wild land could be had for a nominal sum, and where in a few years they could attain to the wealth and comfort which their fathers had achieved. It was a part of the movement by which the sons of New England have spread themselves across the continent to the very shores of the Pacific.

HOME LOT 19.—Wm. Coon appears to have been the first settler on home lot 19. But in February 1798, he sold to Warren Gibbs the part lying east of the highway and the remaining 55 acres of the above mentioned lot pitched for "Widow Coon." His home, Mr. Gibbs lived in a log cabin 15 rods north of the house now standing on the lot, until in 1800 he moved to lot 13, as has been already noticed. He continued, however, to own the lot until about 1831, when he divided it among his children.

HOME LOT 20.—Dea. Ebenezer Sumner in 1802 deeded home lot 20 to his son Samuel, who cleared it and resided on it for several years in the house now occupied by Charles Sullens. The south half of the farm is now owned by Charles Landon.

HOME LOT 21 was first settled by Daniel Beadle, who purchased it in March, 1825, of Alfred Walworth. The house that he built, since destroyed, was on the east side of the road, just north of the present trout pond. The present house near the south line of the lot was built by Chandler Tillotson and was kept open as a tavern for several years by a Mr. Dean.

HOME LOT 22.—James Sumner, another son of Dea. Ebenezer Sumner, began to clear this lot in 1811, though he did not receive a deed of the lot from his father until March, 1825. On this lot he resided with his family until his death in 1874, at the age of 85. His son, Andrew J. Sumner, now owns the property and lives in the old homestead.

The great longevity of these early settlers deserves a passing notice. We have the ages of ten of those that are mentioned in these papers, ascertained mostly from their tomb-stones in the interesting little cemetery half a mile north of the old red school-house. The average age of these ten is 75 1/2 years. No wonder the sons could not wait to inherit the property of their fathers, and as a rule went off to seek their own fortunes!

HOME LOTS 23 and 24.—In April, 1811, Timothy Case of Lebanon, N. Y., purchased from Philip Foot home lot 24, and in 1812 added to his former purchase 72 acres off the west end of home lot 23. His house was on the west side of the road where Leroy Taylor now lives, but has been moved to the rear to make way for a more recent structure. His son, Timothy, Jr., built and occupied the house on the opposite side of the road. In 1843 the father removed from town.

HOME LOT 25.—Joel and Calvin C. Nichols purchased home lot 25 in 1818. Joel built on the west side of the highway where E. Fuller now lives, and Calvin on the east, where J. Grove now lives.

HOME LOT 26.—The earliest settler on home lot 26 was a man from Brookline, Conn., by the name of Asa Collier. He purchased the lot in 1789, but sold out and moved away as early as 1801, so that but little is remembered concerning him. His dwelling stood west of the road a little north of the house now occupied by Selon R. Foote. In 1810 the lot came into the possession of Timothy Boardman, senior, who lived for several years in the house next south of the school-house.

HOME LOT 27.—Martin Evans owned the west half of home lot 27 from 1804 to 1827 and may have cleared it in part. At the latter date he deeded it to his son-in-law, Noble Foot, who soon entered the house now occupied by his son. On the east side of the road Ely Nichols purchased 12 acres in 1807 and built where A. H. Matthews now lives.

The remaining settlements on this tier of lots to the south have been described in Judge Swift's History of Middlebury.
A FLOURISHING INDUSTRY.
Editor Register:—In a recent visit to your thrifty village I had occasion to note certain of its leading industries with a view to ascertaining which were in a healthy condition and which, if any, were on the decline. Without asking space to give you the general results of my observations, I beg to call attention to one branch of business which seems to me to be in Middlebury pre-eminently flourishing. The proportion of your inhabitants engaged in this pursuit, the

fine physical development of the operatives, most of whom are in the prime and strength of early manhood, the untiring persistency with which the business is followed, and the enthusiasm therein displayed by those who after years of experience might be expected to grow weary; all go to make this industry as carried on in Middlebury unique, peculiar and every way admirable. Perhaps it is unnecessary for me to add that the business to which I refer is that of standing on the bridge, at street corners and in passers-by, and making observations on the doorways.

MARKETS.
VERMONT PRODUCE.

The Vergennes market, Saturday, was not very active. Butter ruled 25¢ a lb. for extra, 24¢ for first, and 23¢ for second. Eggs, abundant, at 12¢ a doz.; potatoes, quiet at 10¢ a bushel; apples, \$1.50 a bushel; beef, 5¢ a lb.; pork, 5¢ a lb.; hay, \$10 a ton; straw, same.

At New Haven, Tuesday, butter was steady, eggs firm, and potatoes dull. Prices: butter, 26¢ a lb.; eggs, 12¢; maple sugar, 8¢ a lb.; potatoes, 40¢ a bushel; oats, 40¢; hay, \$10 a ton; veal calves, 45¢ a lb.; live weight.

BOSTON PRODUCE.

Butter is in steady demand and rules firm. We quote Northern and Eastern creamery at 30¢ a lb. for extra, 27¢ for first, and 25¢ for second, and 23¢ for extra, 20¢ for first, and 18¢ for second. In imitation creamery there have been sales of extra at 27¢ a lb. and half packed extra at 24¢ a lb. Cheese continues firm, and sales of Northern extra at 11¢ a lb.; and fancy at 12¢ a lb. Eggs rule steady, and we quote extra Eastern at 14¢, and fancy at 15¢; Southern at 12¢ a lb. New York and Vermont at 14¢ a lb. and Western at 14¢ a lb. Beans are in better demand, and we notice sales of Vermont at 21¢ a lb.; New York at 21¢ a lb.; and medium at 21¢ a lb. Canada Peas are selling in small lots at 5¢ a lb. as to quality. Potatoes are in moderate demand and easy, with sales of Heltons at 55¢ a bushel, and Profitts at 50¢ a bushel. Dried apples are dull and nominal, quoted at 5¢ a bushel, as to quality for evaporated. Green apples are selling at 21¢ a bushel for No. 1 Baldwins and 20¢ for No. 2. Poultry is in steady demand and the market is quite strong with sales of choice Turkeys at 12¢ a lb. and Chickens at 9¢ a lb. and 10¢ a lb.

BOSTON WOOL.
The demand does not improve, and the market has been very dull and prices rule in favor of buyers.

WATERTOWN LIVE STOCK.

Amount of Live Stock at Market.

	Cattle	Sheep	Swine
This week.....	792	2821	7631
Last week.....	721	1720	1660
Two weeks ago.....	531	2099	7199
Year ago, April 15, 1885.....	531	2099	7199

Number from the several States.

	Sheep	Cattle	Swine
Maine.....	15	105	105
New Hampshire.....	118	815	105
Vermont.....	131	808	719
Massachusetts.....	97	440	20
R. I. and Conn.....	8	702	2
New York.....	188	1000	7198
Western.....	188	1000	7198
Total.....	792	2821	7631

Prices of Market Beef—A few choice \$8 a cwt. extra \$7.50; first quality \$6.50; second quality \$6.00; third quality \$5.50.

Prices of Store Cattle—Working Oxen \$4 a pair from \$100 a pair; Fat Cattle \$10 a head; Cows \$5 a head; Milch Cows and Calves from \$25 a pair; yearlings \$10 a pair; two years old \$15 a pair; three years old \$20 a pair.

Swine—Western fat live 45¢ a lb.; Northern dressed hogs 55¢.

Prices of Sheep and Lambs—In lots, \$2.75 a head; \$2.00 a head; extra \$2.50 a head; or from 25¢ a lb. for lambs, 65¢ a lb. for ewes.

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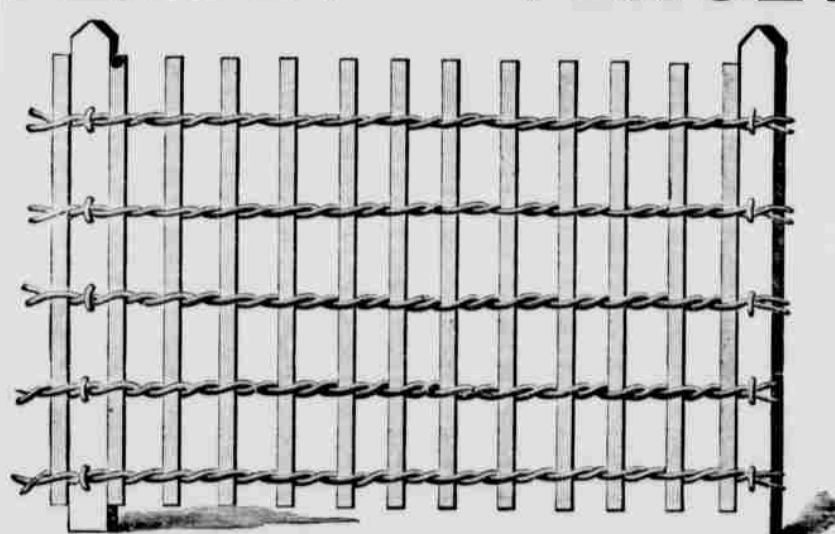
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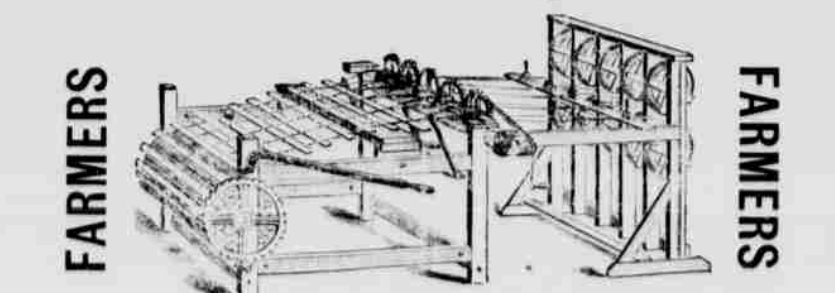
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